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Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2011, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Seattle Public Library Northgate Branch

Commissioners Present: Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Rebecca C. Cory, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioner Regrets: Mark Adreon, Charlene Curtiss, Hope Drummond, Sheely Mauck, Saron McKee, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Nolan Lim

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:15
Quorum noted at 4:35

Approval of Minutes: February 2011 minutes were approved as amended

SOCR Report: Nolan Lim

In a recent case, an individual without a disability parked in a designated disabled space, resulting in a \$300 settlement, a commitment to enforce the parking restriction, and staff training.

The March 16th forum on criminal records was well attended. The issue will now go to City Council.

The City is working with the Department of Justice to implement accessibility items listed in the Project Civic Access report.

Committee Reports:

- **Issues:** Meets 2nd Thursdays, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Room 370

Transportation: Council Member Tom Rasmussen has asked for a briefing on the parking report before the City Council Transportation Committee at its March 22 meeting.

CM Rasmussen asked the Commission to support ESSB 5457, the Emergency Transit Funding Bill.

MOTION: To write a letter in support of ESSB 5457. **ACTION: PASSED: 7 For 1 Against.**

Wellness Checks: SHA has notified residents that the policy is being reviewed and might change. Some residents found the notice to be unclear.

Deep Bored Tunnel: The Committee is seeking an evacuation plan that includes provision for people with mobility impairment. Suggestion was made to talk with the Northwest Access Board.

MOTION: To have the Education Committee prioritize training of City Council, develop a strategy, and report to the full Commission at the next meeting. **ACTION: FAILED: 3 For, 4 Against, 1 Abstained**

Discussion was had regarding providing educational opportunities for City staff in general and possibly speaking at the City Council's retreat.

- **Outreach:** Meets 4th Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Seattle University
Seattle4All Listserv has over twenty subscribers

MOTION: To Sponsor presentation by Kevin Carey on May 26th **ACTION: PASSED: unanimous**

Other sponsors are the Library Equal Access Program, Vision Loss Connections, and possibly the Seattle Art Museum.

- **Education:** Meets 2nd Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
In April the Committee will meet at Charlie's on Capitol Hill.
In addition to the priorities outlined in the 2011 work plan, the Committee has identified several training needs within City government:

- SDOT on illegal use of placards
- Human Services Department, Aging and Disability Services
- SOCR, Parks, and Libraries
- Emergency Management

New Business

Gender Neutral Accessible Bathrooms: Erica will write a letter for the Commission to review.

Ad hoc Nominating Committee needed: Sadly, John Denooyer has resigned from the Commission. Laura will step down from her position as Co-Chair, but retain her seat as a Commissioner. Joshua and Deborah volunteered to serve on the ad hoc Nominating Committee.

Announcement

April meeting will be held in City Hall. Individuals who wish to listen to the meeting by phone may call 206-684-4718.

Public Comment

Members of the public were pleased to hear of the Commission's work and glad that meetings will be held in various neighborhoods.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.